

MINUTES OF MEETING  
RUSH RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT  
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA  
DECEMBER 17, 2013

The Rush River Water Resource District met on December 17, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Present were Raymond Wolfer, Chairman; William A. Hejl, Manager; Dick Sundberg, Manager; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Brittany C. Moen, Administrative Assistant; Sean M. Fredricks, Attorney for the Board; Mike Opat, Engineer for the Board; Brady Woodard, Moore Engineering, Inc.; Arnold Knight and David Baumler, property owners in Amenia Township; Chuck Sorvaag, property owner in Berlin Township; Stuart Johnson, Dean Rust and Jim Ueland, property owners in Raymond Township

**Amenia Township Improvement District No. 74**

Sean Fredricks gave an update on the Amenia Township Improvement District No. 74 right-of-way issue.

It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Sundberg to approve Change Order No. 2 for Riley Bros. Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$16,498.49, regarding Amenia Township Improvement District No. 74. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Lloyd Knight contacted the Water Resource District office with questions regarding the project assessments. Brady Woodard will meet with Mr. Knight to go over any questions he has regarding the project. The Board will discuss the matter at a future meeting.

**Lower Rush – silt removal**

It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Sundberg to authorize Moore Engineering, Inc. to survey the Lower Rush River in the spring of 2014 from the outlet, upstream to Section 15 in Raymond Township, and to clean out silt at a cost not to exceed \$80,000, if construction of the Metro Flood Diversion Project does not begin by 2016 in that area. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mike Opat will bring plans for the Metro Flood Diversion Project footprint to a future meeting.

**Drain #29 – culverts one mile west of I-29**

The culverts one mile west of I-29 on Drain #29 were discussed. There have been complaints of water not flowing through the culverts as designed, creating an issue with

standing water. Mr. Opat will prepare a cost proposal for potential improvements to Drain #29 for the Board's review at the next meeting.

### **Drain #30 Improvements**

Mr. Fredricks distributed a draft *Resolution of Necessity* and Mr. Opat distributed a cost estimate for the Drain #30 Improvements Project for the Board's review.

It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Sundberg to authorize Moore Engineering, Inc. to begin the design work for the Drain #30 Improvements Project and to commence the property acquisition process along the drain from Cass County Highway 81 to the proposed footprint of the Metro Flood Diversion Project. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

### **Drain #52 Improvements**

The extension of Drain #52 was discussed. Mr. Opat distributed a project proposal for the Board's review. The project will include extensions on both ends of the drain and improvements to the existing channel. The proposal showed the order in which Moore Engineering, Inc. would complete the work and included cost estimates.

It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Sundberg to authorize Moore Engineering, Inc. to proceed with the proposal for the Drain #52 Improvements Project. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

### **Snagging and Clearing on the Rush River**

It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Sundberg to authorize Moore Engineering, Inc. to get a cost estimate for Snagging and Clearing on the Rush River from Section 22 in Amenia Township to Section 32 in Rush River Township. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

### **Amenia Township Improvement District No. 75**

The Board will take no further action regarding Amenia Township Improvement District No. 75 until a Petition from landowners supporting the project is presented.

### **Minutes**

It was moved by Manager Hejl, seconded by Manager Sundberg and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2013, meeting, as presented.

### **Bills**

It was moved by Manager Sundberg and seconded by Manager Hejl to approve payment of Checks #3874 through #3884 and the electronic funds transfer, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the following Managers voted in favor: Wolfer, Hejl, and Sundberg. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

### **Year-end issues**

It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Sundberg to authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to make transfers to/from obligated funds, if necessary. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Sundberg to authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to make any minor year-end transfers to balance the Rush River Water Resource District 2013 budget. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Sundberg to amend the Rush River Water Resource District 2013 budget. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business for the Board to consider, it was moved by Manager Hejl, seconded by Manager Sundberg and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

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Raymond Wolfer  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Carol Harbeke Lewis  
Secretary-Treasurer